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SUBJECT: NAFAG SUB-GROUP 9 MEETING AT EGLIN

CSAF FOR RDPSI (LT. COL. HUNTER), RDQRM (COL. JACOBS)

1. THE FOLLOWING MEMO, WAS RECEIVED FROM THE AIR ARMAMENTS SECTION, DEFENSE SUPPORT DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, WHO SERVE AS SECRETARIAT FOR NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG) FUNCTIONS:

QUOTE: SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEETING OF AC/224 SUB-GROUP 9.

WE ARE NORMALLY REQUIRED TO ISSUE AGENDA FOR MEETINGS SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE, AND I AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEXT MEETING OF SUB-GROUP 9 WHICH, I UNDERSTAND, MAY BE HELD AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE.

IF THIS INVITATION IS TO BE FOR THE DATES OF 3 TO 7 DECEMBER, THE SIX WEEKS ARE BARELY AVAILABLE, BUT CERTAINLY WE HAVE SOME STRETCH IN THIS RULE; HOWEVER, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL TRY TO EXPEDITE THE INVITATION.

TOGETHER WITH THE INVITATION, I HOPE THE U.S. WILL GIVE SOME SORT OF PROGRAMME OF U.S. BRIEFINGS, VISITS OR SPECIAL DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH JUSTIFY THE VISIT TO EGLIN, AS NO DOUBT DELEGATES MAY HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS UNLESS THERE REALLY APPEARS TO BE ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION.

AS FAR AS THE OFFICIAL AGENDA FOR THE BUSINESS PART OF THE MEETING

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IS CONCERNED, THIS WILL LARGELY FOLLOW THE FORMAT OF OUR LAST MEETING - FOR WHICH AC/224(SG-9)A/6 WAS ISSUED. FOR THIS AGENDA THREE DAYS WERE ALLOWED, SO I WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE U.S.

AUTHORITIES TO SUGGEST A TOTAL DURATION FOR THE MEETING.
THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE LAST VISIT OF SUB-GROUP 9 WERE GIVEN
AT THE END OF AC/224(SG/9)A/4, AND I MENTION THIS TO GIVE YOU
AN INDICATION OF THE POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED. UNQUOTE.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT TAKES TIME TO WORK OUT ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR HOSTING A MEETING OF THIS SORT; HOWEVER IF THE U.S. INTENDS
TO HOST THE NEXT SUB-GROUP 9 MEETING AT EGLIN WE URGE THAT AT LEAST
A PRELIMINARY MESSAGE BE SENT CONFIRMING THE INVITATION AND
GIVING AS MANY DETAILS AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT THE SECRETARY
CAN ISSUE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS AND MEMBERS CAN MAKE
THEIR TRAVEL PLANS. IF THE U.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO HOST THE
MEETING, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE SECRETARY BE
NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE
CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, IT IS HOPED THE LATER IS NOT THE CASE SINCE
A TENTATIVE VERBAL INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY THE PAST U.S.
CHAIRMAN AT THE JULY MEETING, AND SO MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED THAT
IT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE SECRETARY TO FIND
SUITABLE ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE TIME REMAINING.

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